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Sir:

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The documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 (modified) include those cited in the International Search Report for a related PCT application no. PCT/US03/14058 (4 pages). A copy of the International Search Report is enclosed herewith.

Japanese Document No. 61-147551 is not in English. An English-language abstract of Japanese Document No. 61-147551 is also enclosed.

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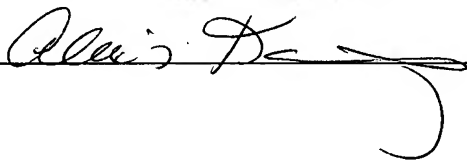
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**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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